(b) if so, the number of infiltrators who crossed over to India so far;

(c) whether Government have taken immediate steps to repair the damaged fencing; and

(d) if so, at what cost and when it is expected to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (d) Fence constructed under Phase I in the States of Assam, Meghalaya and West Bengal is in a dilapidated condition as it has outlived its normal life. It was damaged due to adverse climatic conditions. Now, it has been decided to replace 861 kms of Phase I fencing with improved design of double row fence as is being done in Phase II. the total cost involved is Rs. 884 crore.

The work is being executed by the CPWD and the Public Sector Undertakings. The entire work is scheduled to be completed by 2008. As the infiltration takes place clandestinely, no specific details are available about the magnitude of this illegal infiltration to India. The Govt, of India has taken the following measures to check illegal infiltration:-

(i) Close coordination with other agencies including State Governments

(ii) Round the clock surveillance of the border by patrolling

(iii) Conduct of special operations

(iv) Up gradation of intelligence network Augmentation of strength for patrolling/naka duties

(v) Erection of border fencing and construction of border roads.

Stalemate between Central and U.P. Governments regarding SIMI

†2798. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a stalemate between Central Government and the Uttar Pradesh Government over imposition of ban on the Students' Islamic Movement of India (SIMI);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) the reasons behind such stalemate; and

(d) the steps being taken to end the stalemate?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Security clearance to Jet Airways Board

2799. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT:
SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Home Affairs was approached in June 2002 for an expeditious response on the issue of security of the reconstituted Board of Jet Airways;

(b) whether despite clear guidelines regarding empowerment of the Ministry of Home Affairs, no decision was taken by the Ministry; if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the chronological sequence of approach of security clearance in January, 2002, till actual clearance given by the Ministry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) The Ministry of Civil Aviation requested this Ministry In July, 2001 to provide security clearance in respect of Indian/NRI/Foreign Directors on the reconstituted Board of Directors of M/s Jet airways (India) Private Limited. This proposal was further amended by M/s Jet Airways on 24th July 2003 and the same was conveyed to this Ministry by the Ministry of Civil Aviation on 6.10.2003. This was examined in great detail by the concerned security and law enforcement agencies and the security clearance was conveyed to the Ministry of Civil Aviation on 1st November, 2004.

Convictions under NDPS Act

2800. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the percentage of convictions under Narcotics Drugs, and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act;